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1. IF MISSION HAS NOT YET DISTRIBUTED DRAFT TEXT OF PAPER
CONTAINED REFTEL, PRIOR TO DOING SO, IT IS REQUESTED TO
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DELETE THE PHRASE IN SECTION V, PARA (C) WHICH READS "FOR

PRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING" IN THE SECOND SENTENCE SO THAT THE TEXT WOULD THEN READ "IT SHOULD BE THE FORUM BOTH FOR COORDINATING GENERAL NEGOTIATING POLICY AND FOR ENSURING THAT THE CONDUCT OF THE NEGOTIATION IS CONSISTENT WITH THIS GENERAL POLICY."

2. BEGIN FYI: WE BELIEVE THERE MAY BE SOME POSSIBILITY OF MISCONSTRUING THE PHRASE ABOUT PRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PART OF BELGIANS OR OTHERS WHO MAY LATER BE INTERESTED IN NARROW INTERPRETATION OF THIS DOCUMENT, TO THE EFFECT THAT ALL INSTRUCTIONS ON MBFR NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE PRESENTED FIRST IN NAC AND AGREED ON THERE, AND ONLY SUBSEQUENTLY IN AD HOC GROUP. WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD NOT BE CORRECT INTERPRETATION OF PRESENT TEXT BUT IF PAPER CAN BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THIS BELGIAN LANGUAGE, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE.

3. WE INTEND TO SEND REMARKS FOR NAC DISCUSSION WHICH WILL MAKE CLEAR OUR INTERPRETATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF OVERALL DOCUMENT. END FYI. RUSH

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